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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-69

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOOD STAMP BOOKS

This letter is to advise you of upcoming changes in the Food Stamp Books. The phase-in of the new series 1984 books will depend upon inventory and production schedules. Each book denomination will be phased-in separately. The approximate phase-in schedule is as follows:

Early Summer - 1984

1. Reconfigured \$65 books
2. Stub-glued \$2 and \$7 books
3. \$40 books with no overprint

Fall - 1984

Reconfigured \$50 books

Winter - 1984

Stub-glued \$10 books

CWDs with automated mail issuance systems will be provided special technical information well in advance of shipment of the changed books so that equipment adjustment can be made.

Attached is a fact sheet which further describes the changes in the Series 1984 Food Stamp Books. Please advise your issuance agents of these changes. As additional information becomes available regarding the Series 1984 Food Stamp Books, we will keep you advised.

If you have any questions, please call your respective Food Stamp Program Corrective Action Consultant at (916) 322-5475.


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Attachment

cc: CWDA

IMPORTANT FACT SHEET: CHANGES IN FOOD STAMP BOOKS

Beginning with Series 1984, the following changes will be made:

\$2, \$7 and \$10 books: These books, which have been glued for several years, will still be glued. However, beginning with Series 1984, a new method of gluing will be used. The books will be glued along the stub of each coupon instead of just on the end of each book. This method will provide a much sturdier book. It will also now be more difficult to remove coupons from glued books by mistake or for fraudulent purposes.

\$40 book: The overprint on the cover which said "Contains eight \$5 coupons" will no longer appear. All \$40 books should contain eight \$5 coupons, but since it has been several years since this change took place, it is no longer necessary to call attention to it. \$40 books will still be stapled.

THE MOST DRASTIC CHANGES WILL BE IN THE \$50 AND \$65 BOOKS: Both the \$50 book and the \$65 book have been reconfigured. Both books will still be stapled.

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- . THE \$50 BOOK WILL CONTAIN TWO \$5 COUPONS AND FOUR \$10 COUPONS. THE FRONT COVER INK COLOR WILL BE CHANGED TO GREY. IT WILL BE AT LEAST EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE THESE BOOKS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE FIELD.
- . THE \$65 BOOK WILL CONTAIN FIVE \$1 COUPONS AND SIX \$10 COUPONS. THE FRONT COVER INK COLOR WILL BE CHANGED TO RED. THESE BOOKS WILL BEGIN BEING SHIPPED TO THE FIELD THIS SUMMER.

You will be notified again of these changes as shipment times approach.